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The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association

50th SESSION

HELD WITH

French Broad Baptist Church

DAVIDSON RIVER, N. C.

August 21-22-23-24, 1919

The next session will be at Rock Hill Baptist Church, Biltmore, N. C.

Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1920

MODERATOR, REV. O. R. GORDON,
SECRETARY, W. M. ROBINSON

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY'S SESSION

The Mud Creek Baptist Association met with French Broad Church, Davidson River, N. C., Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1919. The moderator, Rev. D. Hunt called the house to order at 3 p. m. Services were opened with singing hymn 260, "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep," led by Rev. Wm. Johnson.

Prayer by Brother Wm. Edward. Hymn 297, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee."

The program was adopted as the order of business. Rev. Hunt made his usual talk on the work of the Association.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Mud Creek—W. M. Edwards and H. S. Simmons.
French Broad—Charley Smith, J. H. Gash, Paris Mooney.
Rock Hill—R. L. Forney.
Little Union—W. M. Johnson.
Concord—C. C. Fortune.
New Bethel—W. M. Johnson.
Bethel—A. B. Benjamin, George Orr, R. B. Gill.
Glade Creek—Wm. Ballard, R. W. Mooney, Mills Mooney, Moses Gash.
Nazereth—George Lyles, Samuel Hill, Jannie Moore, Emma Shoemake, Rev. Gordon.
Star of Bethel—W. M. Robinson, J. W. Beaty.
Hill Street—T. J. Davis.
Fair View—Geo. Elijah.
St. John (A)—L. W. Johnson.
St. John.
Mt. Zion.
Ebenezer—Rev. E. W. Dixson
St. Mark—Rev. F. Hacher.
Mt. Moriah.
New Salem—J. L. Ripley.

After the enrollment of delegates the election of officers was next in order. Rev. O. R. Gordon was elected Moderator; Rev. D. Hunt, Vice-Moderator; W. M. Robinson, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Beaty, Corresponding Secretary; Wm. Ballard, Treasurer.

On motion the office of Historian was discontinued.

Rev. Gill, J. W. Beaty, W. M. Edward, Rev. Wm. Anderson and T. J. Davis were appointed executive board members.

The house was declared ready for business. Rev. J. W. Beaty discussed the importance of repreenting in the State convention. Rev. T. J. Davis advised the body to do away with the Western Baptist convention.

Rev. Gordon, H. S. Simmons and Sam Hill spoke on the subject of Dissolution also. Motion prevailed that the resolution as read by Rev. Davis be adopted.

Rev. Beaty, Gordon and Davis were delegated to the Western Baptist convention at Hendersonville in Sept. They were also delegated to the state convention. This made a splendid trio to accomplish the object sought in both conventions. Rev. W. M. Johnson was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Collection, 35 cents.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SESSION

Devotionals by W. M. Edward. Hymn 499, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." Prayer by H. S. Simmons. Hymn 417, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Prayer by W. M. Edward and Sam Hill.

The moderator then introduced Rev. Johnson. Rev. W. A. Anderson sang. Rev. Johnson read a part of the 7th chapter of Matthew (1-19). H. S. Simmons offered prayer. Hymn 520, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Rev. Johnson preached a good sermon from the 13th chapter and 15th verse of Proverbs. Text: "The way of the transgressor is hard." Prayer by Rev. Anderson. The welcome address was made by the pastor of French Broad Church, Rev. B. R. Clayton. Response by H. S. Simmons. Rev. Beaty was appointed to preach at 11 o'clock Friday morning. Collection $7.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Brother George Lyles led prayer services. Hymn 411, "Take up thy Cross, the Saviour said." Brother Sam Hill read 17th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Brother R. L. Forney. Hymn 487, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." The house was announced ready for business. The minutes were read and approved. Motion prevail that all ministers of the association be assessed $1.00. This act was made constitutional. Revs. Davis, Gordon and Beaty gave their views on receiving members into the church. Receiving members by watch care was considered a wrong mode. Our relation to Arden School was discussed by Rev. Beaty. He favored a more suitable location. He said that prejudice and other conditions made it difficult to operate the school at Arden. Rev. Clayton rose to contradict the speaker but was ordered to take his seat.

Motion prevailed that no letters be publicly read as heretofore. Members having objection to any part of the constitution must report same to constitutional committee. Revs. R. B. Gill, A. S. Copeny, Lee Johnson and Brother J. E. Logan were introduced to the body.

Rev. Copeny bitterly opposed the removal of the school or the dissolution of the convention. Pleasant talks were made by Revs Gill and Lee Johnson, also Brother Logan. Revs. Beaty and Hunt made stubborn replies to C. S. Copeny. All business was suspended for a sermon at 11 o'clock. After singing hymn 196, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," and reading the 13th Chapter of St. Luke and prayer by Brother C. C Fortune, Rev. Beaty proceeded to deliver a rousing sermon from the text: "And he said unto his Lord, let it alone this year also until I shall dig about it and dung it, and if it bear fruit well, and if not then after thou shall cut it down." Subject: "You must be useful or die." Collection $4.40. Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The committee on selecting Executive Board members recommended Rev. O. R. Gordon, Rev. D. Hunt, W. M. Robinson, W. M. Ballard, H. S.Simmons, R. L. Forney, Rev. R. B. Gill, Rev. B. R. Clayton, Rev. W. A. Anderson, Rev. T. J. Davis and Rev. J. W. Beaty.

Committee: R. B. Gill, T. J. Davis, W. L. Edwards and J. W. Beaty. The subject: "Why the New Testament Standard of Religion," was discussed by Revs. Davis, Beaty, Hunt and Lee Johnon.

It was decided to hold a Baptist Minister's Union once each month beginning at Star of Bethel Church. This agreement has not been carried out. Adjournment.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Devotional exercises led by Brother Lyles. After the prayer service, Rev. F. R. Hatcher sang Hymn 449, "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone." Rev. Anderson read the first chapter of James. Prayer by Rev. Kane Smith. Hymn 559, "Go preach my gospel." Rev. Anderson then delivered a strong doctrinal sermon from the 1st chapter and 18th verse of Revelations. Text, "I cause thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire." Prayer by Rev. Hatcher. Rev. Davis read a report on the revision of the constitution which was adopted. Rev. Pitts gave some good counsel to the body.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. Lee Johnson conducted devotional exercises. Hymn 454, A charge to keep I have." Prayer by Rev. Hatcher. Scripture lesson, the 1st chapter of James. Hymn 492, "Amazing Grace, how sweet it sounds." The moderator, Rev. Gordon, announced the house ready for business. Minutes read and approved. At the opening of each session the moderator gave interesting talks.

For Discussion: Should a preacher be well qualified before he is ordained to preach? Discussed by Rev. Blanton, Brothers Parris, Mooney and Smith. On motion, Saturday night services were cancelled. On motion, Brothers A. B. Benjamin, H. S. Simmons, W. L. Johnson, W. A. Anderson, Forney and O. R. Gordon were delegated to the Western Baptist convention at Hendersonville, and Rev. D. Hunt to McDowell Association.

On motion, New Salem was received into the association. Brother G. C. Caldwell gave cheering words in his greetings. Collection, $3.00.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

After a short devotional exercise the disbursement committee made its report. How best to inform the outside world of our work in North Carolina was discussed by Brothers, W. A. Anderson, C. C. Pitts, Sam Hill and H. S. Simmons. A donation of $3.63 was given Sister Mary Ann Thomas.

REPORTS

The next session will be held at Rock Hill church, Biltmore, N. C., Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1920.

Committee—George Lyles, W. A. Anderson, Sam Hill.

REPORT ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Art. 6. The officers of this association shall be moderator, vice moderator, clerk, corresponding secretary and treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually.

The association shall elect six additional members to executive board. This board shall transact all the business of the association at its quarterly meetings. We recommend that act 14 be stricken from the constitution.

Art. 17. Each church may continue its membership in the association by the payment of 50 cents per member annually.

All ministers shall pay $5.00 annually to the association. Committee: J. W. Beaty, B. R. Clayton, T. J. Davis.

Report of committee on temperance was favorable. Committee: Sam Hill, C. K. Smith, James Leonard and Sister Emma Shoemake.

A few churches made partial reports on state of church.

Rock Hill, J. B. Baws, pastor; baptized 16, restored 1, dismissed by death 3, membership 69. Willie Wilson, Clerk.

Fair View: Rev. W. P. Bergin, pastor; baptized 1, membership 14. George Elijah, Clerk.

Hill Street Church: Rev. T. J. Davis, pastor; baptized 2, dismissed by death 1, membership 18.

New Bethel: Rev. W. M. Johnson, pastor; baptized 22, received by letter 3, received by church experience 17, excluded 4, dismissed by letter 4 , dismissed by death 5, membership 75. Claud Shuford, Clerk.

Mud Creek: Rev. C. C. Pitts, pastor; received by letter 1, restored 1, membership 154. R. B. Alston, Clerk.

Green Mountain: J. P. Posey, pastor.

Glade Creek: Rev. W. A. Anderson, pastor; baptized 2, received by letter 1, excluded 1, membership 81. C. S. Hemphill, Clerk.

Bethel: Rev. R. B. Gill, pastor; Arthur Hefner, clerk.

New Concord: Rev. E. D. Blanton, pastor; baptized 3, restored 2, membership 45. Winnie Fortune, clerk.

Shady Grove: F. H. Goodwin, pastor; baptized 2. Emma Stephens, clerk.

Mt. Moriah: F. Hatcher, pastor. James Pace, clerk.

St. John (A): W. A. Anderson, pastor; baptized 1, excluded 16, membership 40. A. C. McDonald, clerk.

Little Union: Rev. D. Hunt, pastor.

Ebenezer: Rev. E. W. Dixon, pastor. Myrtle Maxwell, clerk.

French Broad: Rev. B. L. Clayton, pastor. J. F. Hunt, clerk.

Nazereth: Rev. O. R. Gordon, pastor; baptized 18, received by Christian experience 12; membership 600. J. Putnum, clerk.

Star of Bethel: Rev. J. W. Beaty, pastor; baptized 9, received by letter and Christian experience 15.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

A splendid Sunday School mass meeting was held in which Revs. Gordon, D. Hunt, C. C. Pitts and H. S. Simmons participated. Collection $2.00.

After the Sunday School Rev. Hunt sang Hymn 531, "In all my Lord's appointed ways." Tenth chapter of Romans was read by Rev. C. C. Pitts. Prayer by Rev. Smith. Hymn 119, "Ride on in majesty." The speaker, Rev. Gordon, was introduced to preach the Missionary sermon.

The speaker gave as a text the 15th and 16th verses of the 16th chapter of St. Mark. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The sermon showed great power of thought and reason on the part of the speaker. Collection.

SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Kane Smith preached a quick and touching sermon from the text, "Come and see the work of the Lord. God is terrible in his doings towards the children of men." Benediction, Adjourment.

HONOR ROLL

Hattie Marrion, Sam Hill, H. S. Simmons, Geo. Elijah, Mrs. Parris Mooney, Claude Love, Parris Mooney, Clifford Mooney, Hilliard Mooney, Rosco Gash, Henry Jones, Renald Gash, Mills Mooney, Wm. Ballard, Hattie Gash, Frank Hemphill, Lewis Smith, Moody Hemphill, Francis Moody, Bessie Hutcherson, Lulu Benjamin, Wm. Kempt, Maria Whitesides, Cora Smith, Rev. W. A. Anderson, Rev. C. C. Pitts, Rev. C. K. Smith, Rev. E. D. Dixon, Rev. W. P. Edgerton, W. M. Robinson, Hattie Marion, Hattie Mooney, Annie Mooney, Joseph Smith, Louise Smith, Richard Gash, Emaline Smith, Samuel Gash, Edward Kempt, James Leonard, O. R. Gordon, Lee Johnson, Wm. Edward, Jennie Moore, R. L. Forney, J. H. Gash, Emma Shoemake, Julia Orr, Guss Logan, J. B. Hunt, C. P. Britt, Rev. D. Hunt, Rev. T. J. Davis Rev. O. R. Gordon, Rev. B. R. Clayton, Rev. W. M. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Beaty, Rev. J. E. Logan, Rev. Burnum, John Smith.

FINANCE FROM CHURCHES

Nazereth, $72.00; French Broad, $25.00; Mud Creek, $23.70; Glade Creek, $10.00; Star of Bethel, $5.00; Bethel, $5.00; Hill Street, $4.50; Arden, $3.00; Shady Grove, $2.00; Green Mt. $1.20; Rock Hill, $2.00; St. John, $3.50; St. John (A), $5.00; Ebenezer, $3.00; St. Paul, $1.00; Mt. Moriah, $1.00; Fair View, $4.00; New Bethel, $2.00; Concord, $1.50; Pleasant Isles, $1.00; Mt. Zion, $1.00; New Salem, $1.00; Little Union, $1.00; St. Mark, $1.00. Total $179.90. Table collections, $73.10. Grand total $253.00.

DISBURSEMENT

Balance on minutes, $14.00; Sexton, $3.00; B. F. Hemphill, $10.00; Moderator, O. R. Gordon to the Association, $2.00; W. A. Anderson to convention, $5.27; Secretary, $14.00; D. Hunt to the Association, $2.00; For publications, $50.00; Total $100.27.

Balance in cash and checks turned over to W. M. Ballard, $153.73. Paid to Mrs. Beaden Beaugh for teaching Arden school (at sitting of convention) $153.73. Nothing in treasury. Secretary, $12.

Please Use This Form of Letter to the Association

P. O. _____ Date _____192__

Dear Brethren: We, the _____ Baptist Church now in conference, do send to the Annual Assembly of the Mud Creek Baptist Association.

GREETING: We have chosen our beloved Brethren:

Names _____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____ _____

who are in fellowship with us, whom we hope you will receive to aid you in council.

The state of the Church is as follows:

	NO.
Baptized	
Received by Letter	
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Arden School		
Ministerial Education		
Representation		
Value of Church Property		

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Mud Creek Baptist Missionary and Educational Association.

Art. 2. The object of this association is to promote Christian education in this section of Western North Carolina and the establishment of an Academy High School controlled by the Baptists of the Mud Creek Association.

III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of the Association ex-officio.

IV. While this Association holds that each Church of Christ is an independent body, and rather regards itself as an advisory council and will not presume to dictate for the churches, and while the Association is of the opinion that the best mode of differences between churches is to take the same Scriptural steps as are prescribed for the difficulties between members, it will give counsel which the churches may receive or reject; and that the church which is aggrieved should send a statement of the cause of grievance to the sister church which gave the offence, and if it will not give Christian satisfaction then call on the one or two sister churches to assist in a settlement, and if the offending church will not hear, then report the same to this body; otherwise the body will not pay any attention to such complaints unless the above course be complied with.

V. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church and a statement of funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

VI. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Historian, who shall be elected annually by the Association except the treasurer, who shall remain as long as he can give the proper bond. The Association shall elect annually an executive board of nine members, the said board to consist of five ordained ministers and four delegates from the churches of the same faith and order. (2) The Moderator, Clerk and Treaurer shall be constitutional members of the said board. This board shall transact all of the executive business of the Association.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of this body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, after others have spoken or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches and collect during the session of this body and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were sent and collected. He shall not pay any order drawn on the Treasurer except it be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk of the Association, subject to the provisions in the by-laws.

X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at the annual session of the Association, through the delegates appointed for the purpose and if the Asso-

ciation shall consent to receive her, the Moderator, shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

XII. The Association may invite visiting members to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body except voting.

XIII. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in August in each year at such places as the body may select.

XIV. The ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year, in such place as the brethren may designate.

XV. The Association shall receive no minister into the body but those who have a good moral character.

XVI. We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to gospel rules.

XVII. Each church connected with the Association may continue its memberhip by paying five cents annually upon the head of its members. This fund shall be known as the minute fund. In addition to this each shall be asked to pledge annually a certain amount of support for Missionary and such other benevolent objects as the Association may undertake to carry forward.

XVIII. Baptist Women Missionary, Ladies' Aid and all Christian societies may become members by sending $2 each and are entitled to one or two delegates.

XIX. During each annual session of the Association there shall be preached an introductory sermon, by appointment of the Association.

XX. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-third vote of the members present.

1. The annual meetings of the Association shall open by singing and prayer at 11 o'clock A. M., on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in August of each year. At the hour above stated the Introductory sermon shall be preached or deferred to another hour as the body thinks best. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Clerk shall call the members to order, when the certificates will be presented and the names of the members enrolled. This body will then be organized by the election and installation of officers. Then the address of welcome will be given by the pastor or some brother of the said church. The Association then will take recess or proceed with business.

2. The Moderator shall preside in the meetings of the body, keep and decide questions or order subject to appeal from members.

3. Questions shall be decided by a viva voce vote—doubtful cases by the rising of the members to their feet until counted.

4. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except those ordered by ballot.

5. In all cases by ballot the Moderator may vote—in other cases he may not unless the body be equally divided or unless his vote, if given to the majority will make the division equal, and in that case, the question shall be lost.

6. A member may on motion submit any subject to the consideration of the Association that relates to its designs or object, and if recorded it shall receive due consideration except it be withdrawn by the mover with consent of the body.

7. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time the Moderator shall decide the priority of right.

8. If a member shall violate any of these rules any member may, but the Moderator shall call him to order.

9. No member shall speak on the same subject more than once without leave of the Association, except to explain.

10. A member or members in making a motion, speaking, or in debate shall rise and address the Moderator respectfully.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debatable.

12. When the Moderator is putting the question or addressing the body no member shall walk out or cross the house, nor when a member is speaking.

13. No member shall leave the house without leave of absence from the Moderator.

14. When a question is under debate no motion will be received except to amend, to postpone to a given day or indefinitely, to lay on the table or adjourn—which is always in order—and decided without debate.

15. One member shall speak at a time and shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject under consideration, uses words or personal reflection, or called to order.

16. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of each meeting.

17. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and pay orders when due and signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

18. The Association may appoint four of its members, with alternates, to preach the four sermons, at each annual meeting.

1. Devotional Service for the Introductory Sermon.
2. Call to Order.
3. Enrollment of Delegates and Ministers.
4. Association Door Open for Membership and Seating Visiting Brethren.
5. Election and Installation of officers.
6. Welcome Address and Response.
7. Recess.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

1. Committee on Hours of Meeting, etc.
2. Committee on Supplying the Pulpit.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.
5. Committee on Education.
6. Committee on Temperance and Intemperance.
7. Committee on Obituaries.
8. Committee on Time and Place.
9. Committee on State of Church.
10. Committee on Appropriations.

Report of Executive Board.

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IN MEMORIAM

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REV. B. F. HEMPHILL

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REV. C. W. HEMPHILL